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## **Impaired driving is still a problem on Alberta's roads**

### **Despite the risk of tragedy, motorists still drink and drive**

Edmonton... Each year in Alberta, more than 100 people die in alcohol-related collisions. In the month of December 2005 alone, there were 14 fatal and 103 injury collisions where alcohol was involved.

Males between 18 and 24 years of age were more likely to have consumed alcohol prior to a casualty collision than any other age group. Of those collision-involved drivers who had consumed alcohol, males outnumbered females by a ratio of five and a half to one.

Impairment begins with the first drink and the consequences can be life altering. They include:

- being arrested
- a criminal record
- fines
- possible jail time
- loss of driver's licence
- an automatic minimum three-month Alberta Administrative Licence Suspension
- an automatic six-month licence suspension if the offense results in bodily harm or death
- an immediate 24-hour licence suspension

But as serious as these consequences are, they are small compared to the lifelong remorse an impaired driver may feel if people are injured or killed.

Enjoy holiday festivities by making the smart choice - don't drink and drive.

For more information about traffic safety, contact the Office of Traffic Safety at (780) 422-8839 or visit [www.saferoads.com](http://www.saferoads.com).

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